Neartown Association Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 22, 2016

Meeting called to order by Greg at 7:02 p.m.

1). Introductions – Welcome and introductions with 15 in attendance.

2). Allen Parkway Road and Parking Update – **Ryan Leach,** Executive Director - Downtown Redevelopment Authority – TIRZ No. 3. Mr. Leach discussed improvements being made by the Allen Parkway Project including the addition of 175 parking spaces and improvements and additions of connecting roads and walkways. The expected completion date is September 2016. Answers to questions and further details are contained in the web link: https://www.dropbox.com/s/s2lnif9moorfrh7/Allen%20Parkway%20Improvements%203%2022%202016.pdf?dl=0. A general overview of the Allen Parkway Improvement project is located in the slide show web link: https://www.dropbox.com/s/fog6j3tbsdwi74u/Allen%20Parkway_Final%203%2025%202016.pptx?dl=0 Mr. Leach discussed the ongoing construction and improvements underway in Downtown Houston. Further details on Houston Downtown building projects and the Art Block on Main Street can be obtained by visiting web sites www.artblockshouston.org and www.downtowntirz.com .

3). Neartown SNAP Plan Submittal Review – Kay Warhol
Kay Warhol discussed the Super Neighborhood Action Plan (SNAP) and the Neartown SNAP submittal write-previously sent for membership review.

4). Other

– Houston Bike Plan – Kay handed out the Houston Bike Plan brochure – comments on the Bike Plan draft are due April 11.
– City of Houston Zika Virus Defense Brochures were distributed.
– Handouts of the Houston CIP for District C were distributed
– Neartown Civic Club Invoices for 2016 dues were made available.
– Brooke Boyett from Ellen Cohen's office discussed changes to the speed hump ordinance, mostly of which are indefinite and unclear. Brooke will revert back when the new process is available.
– Civic Associations Best Practices - Steve Longmire talked about the Neartown Association Member Associations Best Practices. He has is working to pool the best

practices of Neartown organizations together. Steve is soliciting Best Practices from civic association's members and we agreed to go into more depth with information from our respective associations. The Best Practices Brochure can be found at web link https://www.dropbox.com/s/sac668k0lpel1zt/Neartown%20Civic%20Clubs%20Practices%203%2022%202016.pdf?dl=0

– The Montrose Special Parking Area, SPA –"Updated". The Planning Department has plans to conduct a Special Community Meeting on April 12th at the Cherryhurst Park Community Center to discuss updates to the SPA. The Planning Commission will likely review the updated SPA at their April 14th or 28th meeting.

– Greg brought up the topic from last month we had agreed to vote on this month, namely, the proposed project to paint rainbow colored stripes in the crosswalk at the intersection of Taft & Westheimer, to memorialize the death of the young man killed by a hit-and-run driver last winter. Steve moved that we support this idea; Kay seconded it; Discussion ensued. After discussing the potential for confusion and danger of changing traffic identifications, plus maintenance, Steve modified his motion to be that we would support the idea of using color in SOME way, preferably not in the street where it could distract drivers, but possibly on light poles or flags or etc and as long as it will be maintained on a regular basis. Kay seconded this motion. The vote was cast, and passed unanimously.

– Kristin Hawkins had sat patiently through our entire meeting, and finally got a chance to stand up and plug herself for Judge in Harris County District Court 11, which is coming up for the run-off on May 24.

The formal Neartown meeting was dismissed slightly after 8:13 p.m.

Initiated by

Julie Young

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